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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT CATCH BASIN INSERT TEST FACILITY
SAN GABRIEL DAM BY FORCE ACCOUNT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Director of Public Works to construct a catch basin test facility at San Gabriel Dam, by Force Account, for approximately \$30,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Flood Fund for this project in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2002-03 and 2003-04 budgets.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This recommended action will allow Public Works to construct a facility to test the numerous catch basin insert devices that claim to clean up storm water runoff while not impacting the amount of storm water flow into the catch basin. This facility will assist us with verifying the many claims that vendors make concerning their products and allow us to select the best products. The facility will be constructed at San Gabriel Dam. Because of the remoteness of the location and the relatively small amount of work involved, it will be more cost-effective to do this work with our own forces.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Workforce Excellence. The Service Excellence Goal is achieved by providing a facility where we can test various manufacturer's claims to determine the most effective units. The Workforce Excellence Goal is achieved by providing a place for testing the theories of catch basin hydraulics to real world conditions in a controlled setting.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are available in the Flood Control District's 2002-03 budget. There will be no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code allows your Board to authorize certain types of flood control work to be done by Force Account.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. Based on the scope of work, the proposed services are categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection E of the Revised Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the authorized Force Account work. Public Works, with your Board's approval, will also contract \$7,700,000 of maintenance services in Fiscal Year 2002-03.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel